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In re Application of:			
Application No.:	**10/684,481**	**Examiner:**	**M. Pham**
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For:	**Vacuum Cleaner**		

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated August 2, 2006 in the above application. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application including any current amendments. This list of claims is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.